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COUNTRY Polish-occupied Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Army Troops and Polish Troops in Schweidnitz

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1. Prior to mid-October 1950, Soviet troops wearing blue uniforms with blue epaulets and brown uniforms with black epaulets, some of them with crossed-gunbarrel insignia, were seen in the former Artillerie Kaserne consisting of 5 or 6 four-story barracks buildings in the northeastern sector of Schweidnitz (P 51/H 18). Those with brown uniforms were first observed in early 1950. No artillery pieces were seen. A Soviet officers' mess was located in the Friedrich Schule, the former classical secondary school. No Polish officers were seen there. A Soviet komendantura was located in 2 or 3 apartment houses, surrounded by a board fence, on Marszalka Stalina, formerly Wilhelmstrasse.
2. Soviet or Polish soldiers were only seldom observed on the drill grounds of the post. No heavy weapons were seen there.
3. The only installation occupied by Polish troops was the barracks installation on ul. Czinska Bolko, formerly Bolkostrasse. The soldiers, who wore blue uniforms with red-bordered blue epaulets and olive drab uniforms with red-bordered olive drab epaulets and wrapped leggings, were between 20 and 25 years old and there was a frequent turnover. Trucks carrying soldiers with baggage were repeatedly observed entering or leaving the installation. The two four-story barracks buildings were always occupied to capacity. Registrations of Poles for the draft took place in the building of the former army post administration on Margaretenstrasse from where the inductees were marched to the railroad station in groups by NCOs. \*
4. The headquarters of the UB was in an office building on Glubrecht Strasse, now ul. Jagielonska, at the intersection of Margaretenstrasse. The militia was in a former police building on the Burgplan.

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5. Soviet Air Force units were quartered in the former Grenadier Kaserne on ul. Grenadierska, formerly Grenadierstrasse, and in the former Flandern Kaserne located farther to the west on the same street. No soldiers were seen in the Arras Kaserne which is located between the two aforementioned installations. It was common knowledge in the city that primarily Soviet Air Force units were stationed there at the post.
6. The former Bethanien Hospital on the road to Zuelzendorf (P 51/H 18) was occupied by Soviet troops. Apartment houses near the hospital quartered Soviet medical personnel.
7. The former Maria Theresia Kaserne was destroyed and had been reconstructed by mid-November 1950.
8. Streets in Schweidnitz which were recently renamed included:

<u>Present Name</u>	<u>Former Name</u>
Koscielna	Kirchstrasse
Bohaterow Getta, prior to 1949, Piotrowska	Peterstrasse
Jagielonska	Glubrechtstrasse
Dazirskego	Burgstrasse
Zeromskiego	Friedrichstrasse
Sikorskiego	Striegauerstrasse
Ziromskiego	Hindenburgstrasse
Czinska Bolko	Bolkostrasse
Dluga	Langestrasse
Pulaskiego	Hochstrasse
Wroclawska	Breslauerstrasse
Westerplatte	Reichenbacherstrasse
Marszalka Stalina	Wilhelmstrasse
Oswizimska	Freiburgerstrasse
Grenadierska	Grenadierstrasse
Kolejowa	Bahnhofstrasse
Okrezna	Kletschkauerstrasse
Walbrzyska	Waldenburgerstrasse. **

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. The former Alte Artillerie Kaserne on Bolkostrasse has been occupied by Polish units since 1948. The blue uniforms indicate air force or militia units, both of which have blue-grey uniforms.

\*\* 25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Units of the Soviet Army and Air Force are stationed in Schweidnitz. [REDACTED] The 25X1A barracks installation in the northeastern sector of Schweidnitz is believed to be the former Neue Artillerie Kaserne, also called Barbara Kaserne, and possibly is located on Gdanska Street, formerly Danzigerstrasse. The barracks installation on Bolkostrasse is the former Alte Artillerie Kaserne. The barracks installations mentioned in Paragraph 5 constitute one coherent billeting area, with the Arras Kaserne built shortly before World War II adjoining the Grenadier Kaserne, and with the Flandern Kaserne fronting on Friburgerstrasse.

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